

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method  
5 comprising the steps of:

detecting patterns of payments for said resource in electronic security value units;

and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said  
predetermined patterns of payment,  
15 wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack  
is indicated.